Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On July 10, 1907, the Chicago & North Western Railroad crew from Pierre and Rapid City joined the track 18 miles east of Wall and the Hendrickson Land Company plotted and opened the sale of town lots officially establishing the town of Wall; and,

Whereas, Wall was named for the "wall" of the Badlands, an abrupt break between the prairie and the rough Badlands formation which routed early travel by freighters, cowboys and settlers through the area; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Wall weathered droughts, blizzards, grasshopper infestations and the Great Depression and have served a vast ranching and farming community with the necessities of life, school systems, fire protection and ambulance and medical services; and,

Whereas, The business community of Wall acts as host to thousands of visitors each year and has come nationally known as the "Window to the West" and Wall Drug brought international fame to the town of Wall and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On July 10, 1907, the original "Wall Welcome" was celebrated as the starting of the town and the completion of the Pierre-Rapid City railroad, and continues to be celebrated annually:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 10-15, 2007, as

WALL CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State